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PARIS FOR MURPHY, NASA REP.

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SUBJECT: LAUNCH OF HELIOS A

REF: (A) STATE 234558, (B) MURPHY-MCCLELLAND OCT. 25

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1. SUMMARY: TECHNOLOGY MIN REP ASKED EMBASSY TO TELL NASA INFORMALLY THAT GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN REF A CEREMONY MAY BE LIMITED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON OCTOBER 22, OFFICIAL OF FRG MINISTRY OF RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY DISCUSSED WITH EMBASSY'S S&T COUNSELOR NASA PLANS TO HOLD APPROPRIATE CEREMONY AT HELIOS-A LAUNCH TO MARK TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF FRG/USG COOPERATION IN SPACE RESEARCH. EMBOFF EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THIS EXCELLENT IDEA DESERVING FULL SUPPORT. MINTECH REP RETURNED TO TOPIC ON OCTOBER 25 AND ASKED EMBOFF INFORMALLY TO WARN NASA AND USG ABOUT POTENTIAL PROBLEMS FACED BY FRG.

3. MEETINGS IN BUNDESTAG AND BUDGET DEBATES DURING DECEMBER MAKE IT VERY PROBABLE THAT MINISTER  
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MATTHOEFER WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ATTEND CEREMONY AND

HELIOS-A LAUNCH. IT MAY EVEN BE DIFFICULT FOR ONE OF THE STATE SECRETARIES (DEPUTY MINISTERS) TO ATTEND. EMBASSY NOTE: REF B INDICATED FRG MIGHT, NEVERTHELESS, SEND HAUNSCHILD.

4. TECHMIN REP BELIEVED THAT INVITATIONS TO EX-MINISTERS WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE APPROPRIATE IF ACTIVE MINISTER WERE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

5. EMBOFF INFORMED TECHMIN REP THAT EMBASSY HAD RECEIVED REF A OUTLINE OF NASA PLANS AND EXPRESSED REGRET THAT FRG FORESAW POSSIBLE DIFFICULTY. TECHMIN REP EMPHASIZED THAT HE DID NOT RPT NOT HAVE A FORMAL DECISION FROM HIS MINISTRY. HE ASKED, HOWEVER, THAT EMBOFF PASS THIS PRELIMINARY WARNING TO NASA. HE BELIEVED IT PROBABLE THAT FRG PARTICIPATION IN THE CEREMONY AND LAUNCHING MUST BE LIMITED.

6. FOREGOING INFORMATION ESSENTIALLY SAME AS THAT OBTAINED BY NASA EUROPEAN REP FROM OTHER GERMAN SOURCES.

7. IN EMBASSY VIEW, THIS TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF US/FRG COOPERATION IN SPACE IS WORTHY OF APPROPRIATE CEREMONY. IF NASA AND DEPARTMENT WISH TO EXPLORE THE SITUATION FURTHER AT HIGHER LEVEL IN TECHMIN, PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL RELEVANT DATA, INCLUDING FISCAL DETAILS. WOULD USG, FOR EXAMPLE, BE ABLE TO DEFRAY COSTS OF LODGING IN US OR OTHER EXPENSES ? HILLENBRAND

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